

--- RG-653 - 5 Cigars - Series "C" - 1938 - *imperforate* - 22 x 28 mm. - scanned at 150% scale ---

The hidden letters on the small dusky green Series "C" five cigar are "H-M", and Chris Ryan reports that BABN had submitted the die to Ottawa for approval on May 31st, 1938.



3AKA - 3rd week of January 1940



1AKC - 1st week of July 1940

[RG-653]	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
1940	---	1BKA	---	---	---	1CKB	1AKC	1BKC	1CKC	1AKD	1BKD	1CKD
	---	2BKA	2CKA	2AKB	---	---	---	2BKC	---	2AKD	2BKD	2CKD
	3AKA	---	3CKA	3AKB	3BKB	3CKB	3AKC	3BKC	3CKC	3AKD	---	3CKD
	4AKA	4BKA	4CKA	4AKB	---	4CKB	4AKC	4BKC	4CKC	4AKD	4BKD	4CKD
1941	1ALA	---	1CLA	1ALB	1BLB	1CLB	1ALC	1BLC	1CLC	1ALD	1BLD	---
	2ALA	2BLA	---	2ALB	2BLB	2CLB	2ALC	2BLC	2CLC	---	2BLD	---
	3ALA	3BLA	3CLA	3ALB	3BLB	3CLB	3ALC	---	3CLC	3ALD	3BLD	3CLD
	---	4BLA	4CLA	4ALB	4BLB	---	4ALC	4BLC	4CLC	4ALD	4BLD	4CLD
1942	1AMA	1BMA	1CMA	1AMB	---	---	1AMC	1BMC	1CMC	1AMD	1BMD	---
	---	---	2CMA	---	2BMB	2CMB	---	2BMC	2CMC	2AMD	2BMD	2CMD
	3AMA	3BMA	---	3AMB	---	3CMB	3AMC	3BMC	---	3AMD	---	3CMD
	4AMA	---	4CMA	---	4BMB	4CMB	4AMC	4BMC	4CMC	4A MD	4BMD	4CMD
1943	---	1BOA	---	1AOB	1BOB	1COB	1AOC	1BOC	1COC	1AOD	---	1COD
	2ANA	2BOA	2COA	2AOB	2BOB	2COB	2AOC	---	2COC	2AOD	2BOD	---
	3ANA	3BOA	---	3AOB	3BOB	3COB	3AOC	3BOC	3COC	3AOD	3BOD	---
	4ANA	4BOA	4COA	4AOB	---	4COB	4AOC	4BOC	4COC	4AOD	---	4COD
1944	---	1BPA	---	---	1BPB	1CPB	1APC	1BPC	1CPC	---	1BPD	1DPC*
	---	---	---	2APB	---	2CPB	---	2BPC	2CPC	---	2BPD	---
	3APA	3BPA	3CPA	3APB	3BPB	3CPB	3APC	3BPC	---	---	3BPD	3DPC*
	4APA	4BPA	4CPA	4APB	---	---	---	4BPC	4CPC	---	4BPD	4DPC*
1945	1ASA	1BSA	1CSA	1ASB	1BSB	---	1ACS*	1BSC	1CSC	1ASD	1BSD	1CSD
	2ASA	---	2CSA	2ASB	---	2CSB	2ASC	---	2CSC	2ASD	2BSD	2CSD
	3ASA	3BSA	---	3ASB	3BSB	3CSB	3ASC	3BSC	3CSC	3ASD	3BSD	3CSD
	4ASA	---	---	---	---	4CSB	4ASC	4BSC	4CSC	4ASD	4BSD	4CSD
1946	1ATA	1BTA	1CTA	---	---	---	1ATC	---	1CTC	1ATD	1BTD	1CTD
	2ATA	2BTA	---	---	---	2CTB	---	2BTC	2CTC	---	---	2CTD
	3ATA	3BTA	3CTA	3ATB	3BTB	3CTB	---	---	3CTC	---	---	---
	---	4BTA	4CTA	4ATB	4BTB	---	4ATC	4BTC	4CTC	4ATD	---	---
1947	1AVA	1BVA	1CVA	1AVB	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
	2AVA	---	---	---	2BVB	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
	3AVA	3BVA	3CVA	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
	4AVA	---	4CVA	4AVB	4BVB	---	---	---	---	---	---	---

NOTE: All of the black or red codes listed (e.g. **1ATC**, **125**, **4205** etc.) are found in the cancellation collection. Any codes highlighted in yellow (e.g. **3BBC**) were taken from eBay and *are not* in the collection.

Use of the imperforate **green** five cigar stamp **RG-653** seems to stop in May 1947. The production of six cigars, using the small **orange-red** **RG-655** had begun in December 1946.

* also the proper **1CPD** / **3CPD** / **4CPD** occur in the collection - the code numbers listed above are in reverse order.

The collection *does not contain* a copy of **RG-653** used by “General Cigars”, Toronto, coded with three or four digits in either blue or black ink. The Toronto Branch was closed prior to this time.

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